

8 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT

: [REDACTED] Access to CIA Economic
Data on Soviet Military Forces

1. This is in response to your memorandum^{25X1A5a1} relaying General Keegan's request that we make available to [REDACTED] certain data on Soviet military expenditures. There are several factors about this request which make it a problem--especially the amount of detailed data implied in the request.

2. First, as a consequence of the Ellsberg affair, there has been a general reluctance^{25X1A5a1} concerning any proposal to pass sensitive intelligence data to [REDACTED]. The problem is not that we expect the type of data involved in this request to leak; rather, it is simply the kind of image that [REDACTED] now has with regard to security.

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25X1A5a1 3. Second, there is question as to whether [REDACTED] should be doing the kind of economic intelligence work proposed. This is not so much a question for us in CIA, but it certainly would be appropriate for DIA to consider. As you know, DIA is now producing the Defense Intelligence Projections for Planning (DIPP) which involves the consideration of various possible Soviet force postures. One of the elements of the DIPP is the costing of these projections. [REDACTED]'s entrance into this field might involve unnecessary duplication. Under these circumstances, I would hesitate to provide any of the information requested without checking with General Bennett first.

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4. Third, much of what is requested in your memorandum is already available in the Department of Defense, and I would recommend that General Keegan exhaust this possibility before asking CIA to provide the information. Some of the information which we have supplied to DIA regarding costs and learning curves is based on proprietary information and is marked "Controlled Dissem". This information was supplied to us by US firms under the condition that it not be passed to contractors and procurement elements of the Department of Defense. In the past, we have refused to pass such data to the [REDACTED] and the Government Accounting Office. Under these circumstances, I see no basis for exempting [REDACTED] from our general practices.

5. In sum, I am suggesting that General Keegan check with DIA first to determine whether the DIA work on the DIPP obviates the need for [REDACTED] doing anything on costing. If not, DIA should be able to provide some of the data on Soviet forces from their own records. With respect to details on costing, however, I regret to say that we would not authorize the release of our data to [REDACTED].

6. Nevertheless, I would be prepared to arrange for [REDACTED] talk to our people in OSR after he or General Keegan have checked with DIA concerning the various possibilities discussed above.


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